

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been canceled, and new claims 14-16 have been added. Claims 14-16 are now pending in this application.

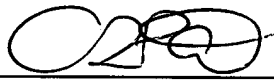
New claims 14-16 are supported by the original specification and figures and no new matter has been introduced. New claims 14-16 were previously pending as claims 38, 85, and 110, respectively, in the original parent application (09/235,582). The claims were not examined in that application, because they were canceled in view of a restriction requirement (Group 4 of the restriction requirement). These claims are also believed to be allowable over the prior art of record cited in the parent applications. Accordingly, allowance of claims 14-16 is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request the timely allowance of this application. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0383.

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